

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 435
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Leanne C. Busby upon
being named *The Tennessean's* 2005 Nurse of
the Year.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives
and provide us with the finest of medical care, bringing to bear in each case their knowledge,
skill, training, and compassion, and offering healing and hope to those under their expert care;
and

WHEREAS, Leanne C. Busby, DSN, RNC, FAANP, is one such self-sacrificing individual
who, because of her stalwart dedication to providing the best possible medical care to those in
need, has been honored as *The Tennessean's* 2005 Nurse of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in *The Tennessean's* second annual Salute to Nurses program,
nominations were made by readers to honor nurses who had impacted their lives in some
fashion. Out of the 100 nominations from across Middle Tennessee, Jeanette Rudy's
nomination of Mrs. Busby was selected the overall winner by a panel of judges compiled by the
Tennessee Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, along with the prestige of the 2005 Nurse of the Year Award, Mrs. Busby
was recognized in the Salute to Nurses publication, at a luncheon on Tuesday, May 10th, 2005,
and in *The Tennessean* of May 15, 2005; she was also awarded a gift package valued at more
than \$1,200; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Jesse and Sarah Crabtree, Leanne Busby graduated from
Goodlettsville High School and earned her Associate Degree in Nursing from Middle Tennessee
State University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, as an ambitious professional, Mrs. Busby eagerly continued her education,
earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Western Kentucky University, a Master of

Science degree in Nursing from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, and a Doctor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty years as a Registered Nurse in Tennessee, Mrs. Leanne Busby has served in numerous leadership positions and provided her expertise in many areas of medicine, including her present role as the Dean of the Jeanette Rudy School of Nursing at Cumberland University, and in past positions as the State Director of the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program, as Director of Education at Nashville Memorial Hospital, and as Director of Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Specialty for Vanderbilt University School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional has also served as an educator, teaching numerous classes to other dedicated nurses and prospective nurses about the precepts and practicalities of the worthy and commendable profession of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Busby has received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at Cumberland University, the Sigma Theta Tau International, Iota Chapter Scholarship for Research, the Ingeborg Grosser Mauksch Faculty Mentor Award from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, and she has been honored as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as an Inductee of Peabody College of Vanderbilt University Educator's Roundtable and as Tennessee Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Leanne Busby is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating as a leader in numerous laudable organizations; Mrs. Busby has served as President and Board member of the Tennessee Nurses Association at the District level and on the Board of Directors at the State level. She is currently Certification Board of Commissioners Secretary of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS, she has served with distinction on numerous committees, including the Disciplinary Committee, the Admissions Committee, the Dean's Council, and the President's Executive Committee at Cumberland University. Other notable professional involvements include the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Alumni Board of Directors, the Certification

Commission Board for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and Nurse Practitioner Faculty Advocate/Minority Project for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, a tireless public servant, Leanne Busby has served many worthy health care and related organizations, including the Wilson County Health Council, the American Red Cross, United Way, and the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Leanne Busby enjoys the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Dr. Michael Ray Busby; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Leanne Busby should be recognized for her accomplishments, the sacrifices she has made to accomplish her worthy goals, and her ability to adapt to current health care needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Leanne C. Busby, DSN, RNC, FAANP, upon being named *The Tennessean's* 2005 Nurse of the Year and extend to her our appreciation for her commitment to the true spirit of nursing and patient care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.